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13. (Amended) A method for audio signal and video signal processing, comprising:

receiving a video signal from a video camera;

receiving an audio signal from a microphone;

detecting movement of an object in the video signal;

providing a motion-indicating signal to an audio signal processor when movement of the object is detected;

modifying the audio signal in response to the motion-indicating signal; and

providing a muted audio signal when no motion is detected.

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Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The Office Action indicated that: claims 6-12 and 19-21 stand allowed over the prior art; and claims 1-4 and 13-16 stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stork* (U.S. Patent No. 5,621,858) in view of *Silver* (U.S. Patent No. 5,387,943). Regarding the following objections, claim 17 is objected to regarding duplicative format, and claims 5 and 18 are objected to with regard to dependency, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of claims 6-12 and 19-21, and the potential allowance of the objected-to claims. Applicant must, however, traverse the rejections.

With respect to the rejection of claims 1-4 and 13-16 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over the *Stork* patent in view of the *Silver* patent, Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed modification is not supported by the requisite evidence that the skilled artisan would be led to make the modification. See, e.g., *Ruiz v. A.B. Chance Co.*, (Fed. Cir., December 6, 2000) ("Our court has provided [that the] motivation to combine may be found explicitly or implicitly: 1) in the **prior art references** themselves; 2) in the knowledge of those of ordinary skill in the art that certain **references**, or disclosures in those references, are of special interest or importance in the field; or 3) from the nature of the problem to be solved, 'leading inventors to look to